

# Adopt-A-Stop

## Creating Litter Free Bus Stops

Thank you for your interest in joining Keep Charleston Beautiful's the Adopt-A-Stop program. Our Goal is to create cleaner litter free bus stops through the City of Charleston.

The City of Charleston's Keep Charleston Beautiful works year round to promote a litter free community through community involvement, youth education, and litter awareness. For the Adopt-A-Stop program volunteers have the opportunity to adopt an unsheltered CARTA bus stop within the City of Charleston. Once an adoption application is received and approved Keep Charleston Beautiful will provide a Colorful Can (painted trash can) for the CARTA bus stop. The adopter will receive a supply of 50 gallon trash bags, a safety vest, gloves, and a pick up stick. The Volunteer will be asked to empty the trash can and pick up loose litter at the stop at least once a week. In exchange for their efforts they will receive recognition at the CARTA stop. A group must agree to adopt a stop for a minimum of a year to receive stop recognition. The group can opt to sponsors a lid for their colorful can for a onetime fee of \$45.00.

### *Additional Information:*

Adopt-A-Stop is a litter reduction and prevention program hosted by Keep Charleston Beautiful and CARTA. The purpose of the program is to attract public involvement from residential and community organizations to help maintain a litter-free Charleston at all City CARTA bus stops.

Adoption opportunities are for locations that do not have supplemental bus benches or shelters, as they are maintained by CARTA.

By adopting a CARTA bus stop, an organization commits to removing the litter and trash from their designated adoption area. Specifically, organizations will coordinate volunteers to maintain the appearance of their adopted bus stop through trash collection and litter cleanups. Adopters must also agree to submit a simple **Cleanup Report Form** at the end of each month.

Keep Charleston Beautiful will provide, at its sole discretion, and to its own satisfaction, one painted trash barrel. Keep Charleston Beautiful will also provide trash bags, safety vests on loan, pick-up sticks on loan, gloves, and information on safety precautions. Lids for the can are options.

CARTA will furnish or provide, at its sole discretion, and to its own satisfaction one Adopt-A-STOP bus stop sign identifying the adopting organization.

Adopters must sign a CARTA liability form prior to adopting the stop and before a trash can is placed on site.

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## FAQ

### Who can apply?

Anyone can adopt a bus stop or stops: groups, individuals, private companies, public agencies, churches, schools, school groups, civic organizations/groups, scout groups, and more.

### How long is the contract?

One year with a minimum of 1 visit a week.

### Are there any rules or regulations?

Agree to empty the trash can and pick up litter around the designated bus stop once a week for the length of your adoption term; Return the items given to you after the adoption term; Agree not to plant flowers, paint or alter the bus stop/shelter.

### Can I choose my bus stop?

You may choose a bus stop within the City of Charleston without a shelter. We will inform you of your requested bus stop's availability. If that bus stop is not available we will give other options.

### Why Adopt-a-Stop?

The Adopt-A-Stop program is a great way to get involved in the community. By adopting a bus stop, you can help make the community more beautiful while protecting the environment. Everyone benefits from this environmentally conscious program—property owner, businesses, visitors and transit riders. As an added bonus you will be recognized by CARTA at that stop with a small sign stating your involvement in the program.



Cannon St Adopt-A-Stop

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## *Application Form*

Join the Adopt-A-Stop family today and adopt a CARTA bus stop near you. Providing alternatives to litter at local bus stops will go a long way to creating cleaner more beautiful roadways in our community. Thank you for your interest in being part of the solution to pollution!

Adopter's Name (as will appear on CARTA sign): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of CARTA stop you wish to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to make an optional \$45 contribution to the Adopt-A-stop Program for a trash can lid? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*Make donation check payable to Keep Charleston Beautiful 823 Meeting Street, Charleston SC 29403.

\*Keep Charleston Beautiful and CARTA will review your adoption application and contact you shortly to address any questions you may have. Once the application is approved and you have signed and returned the CARTA liability form stop

Keep Charleston Beautiful will set out your trash can and drop off your Adopt-A-Stop supply kit. Please keep in mind by agreeing to Adopt-A-Stop you agree to service the trash can weekly, dispose of the trash, and to maintain the trash can and bus stop to the best of your ability through regular litter cleanups.